

Jooseppi raised his head and wagged it ~~each time~~^{as} they slapped him on the back, his damp hair falling in his clouded eyes, and he would point at his partner, old August Salo, and say: "My partner did as much as I did.... Damn it, I tell you I couldn't have done it without ol' Augus', could I, ol' Augus'? You tell 'em, Augus'." And August would beam and shake his head, spilling the whiskey over his thick fingers. "No, no, Jooseppi did it. He's being da God damn bes' miner I ever ~~work with~~^{workit.}" Then "wheek" -- and away he would go in a gale of hiccoughing.

It was a summer Saturday night and pay day, a bad combination, and Tauno Saari's saloon was packed with Finnish miners, most of whom simultaneously sought to whack Jooseppi their congratulations on his having broken the record of the great Uno Korpi, by getting out during the past month more dirt, by mining more ore, than even the great Uno Korpi.

A big tear ran down August's wrinkled cheek. "I never believe it 'less I see dat business ^{mine} my own bloody eyes," August confided to the crowd. "My old partner Uno was twice for bigger dan Jooseppi....and now my young partner Jooseppi he's breaking record for poor Uno who is gone...."

During the past month Jooseppi and his partner, August Salo, had beaten by twenty-three tons the record of that gloomy Finnish giant, Uno Korpi, whose prodigal feats of strength and endurance were still discussed ^{with awe} by miners along the entire Northern iron range.

But Uno was dead and his great arms were still, for he drank whiskey and loved women like he mined ore -- blindly, angrily, and with all his strength -- and then one quiet Sunday morning he was found lying in an alley behind Big Annie's, his bloody tongue between his teeth, the handle of a trim hunting knife protruding ^{neatly} from his broad back, one of his great gnarled fists clutching a handful of long ^{straw colored} blonde hair.

"Henry Harju said last night in the dry that Jooseppi is best miner in all the Iron Cliffs' mines," a young miner said, beaming at Jooseppi.

Trammer Waino Aho said he supposed even little Jussi Saastamoinen would be regarded as a great miner if he were going to marry the daughter of the shift boss. Since Jussi was a humpbacked, sad-eyed, dough-witted little Finn who swept and swabbed the dry at the mine, the crowd of miners roared with heavy ~~squalls~~ of laughter. But the laughter was mostly rumbling, good-natured laughter, for Jooseppi was a great favorite with his fellow miners.

The proprietor, Tauno Saari, came in from the back room and gravely congratulated Jooseppi and old August for their record. Then he turned and called to his bartender, in Finnish, "Drinks for the house! Drinks for the house! Tauno Saari buys the drinks when the best miner comes to his place."

The accordion player at Big Annie's desperately squeezed out a polka, as old August Salo bear-danced and plodded around the warm room with Big Annie herself -- Big Annie, mistress of the oldest house in Iron Cliffs, peering down her big blue nose, contorting her slate-limed features into a grimace of ^{feminine} ~~female~~ allure, heavily dancing with her buniony feet, her rim-fat legs shuddering and jellying to the rhythm of the music.

"Looks like your partner is out for the count, Honey," she breathed into old August's ear. "When they don't fall for little Peggy they're either blind or out....But I have you, don't I, my little August?....Don't you want to rest now? Ah, come now, Honey, come into Annie's ^{bed} room and we'll have a little rest...."

Out in the kitchen Jooseppi sat against the wall, his long legs widely sprawled out, and on his sliding lap a fuzzy blonde with bleeding lips clung hungrily around his neck, rumpling his hair. Jooseppi stared stupidly into the deep shadows of her eyes.

"Wake up, snap out of it, Slim! Doesn't Peggy's great big handsome love his Peggy any more?....C'mon, Slim, you good-looking ~~son of a bitch~~ -- I passed up lots a calls tonight to stay with you, and then you go droopy just when true love comes at last to little Peggy."

Freshet of tears, now, pulling of hair, incredible pouting and female cooing -- incredible except that it was happening.

"Doesn't Peggy's great big miner want to put his poor little Peggy to bed....Peggy so tired....oh so tired...."

From Jooseppi: "Ol' Augus' did as much as I did....WHEEK....ask good ol' Augus....he'll tell you...."

"You God damn son of a bitch."

At dawn came a pounding on the kitchen door, a pounding and rattling, and muttered Finnish curses, and at length the gargoyle called Big Annie, a moving oat sack in a flannel wrapper, padded and flapped barefoot to the kitchen door, peered out the slot, lifted the bar, and admitted Henry Harju, who grinned at her sheepishly.

"Listen Annie, I'm looking for young Maki --- Jooseppi Maki. Is he here?"

"In with Peggy, Henry. Help yourself."

Quickly striding through the living room and opening a door, Henry Harju knelt over the iron bed upon which lay the sprawled forms of Jooseppi and the girl called Peggy.

"Jooseppi! Wake up." Henry Harju shouted in Finnish, rubbing Jooseppi's face, flopping his head, "Wake up, Jooseppi. Listen what I got to say....I trailed you, I looked all over Hell for you last night...."

Jooseppi sighed, worked his dry lips and opened his eyes: "'Lo, Henry. Time for work already? Where's Augus'? Find ol' Augus'."

"Jooseppi, Jooseppi. Come with me. I got to get you sober. Listen.... Captain Hampton's coming to my house today to see you and me....Listen, Jooseppi, they're going to make me boss on the day shift and you're going to have my job."

"What you say? What?"

"You're going to be a boss at the mine, Jooseppi. Come on, get up and come with me."

"Can I bring my lil' Peggy?"

"Come on with me or I'll tie you up and take you."

"All right, all right, Henry, I'll come. Awful sleepy, though."

Josephpi and Arne went to Minnesota on their honeymoon. live at the Maki farm after they returned from their short honeymoon trip to Minnesota. Arne was reluctant to live on the farm, but ~~you~~ there seemed no other way.

"You see, Arne," Josephpi would say repeat, as this sore topic would be brought up almost nightly, when J.'s mother had retired, "you see, dear, I cannot leave city here on the farm alone — and she will not leave the place."

And, so the months rolled on, a year, two years passed, and the miners at Section One began to wonder if Josephpi would ever need the book they had given him at his wedding. They had no way to divine the real reason — that Arne would not have children, 'not for four years, Josephpi' — and never so long as we live on this farm. I'll never have my children born to the meanness, ^{and hardship} of farm life."

Josephpi at first laughed at this stand Arne had taken, but when she

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A tall miner and Julie Downer stood ^{safely} in the dim, steaming shafthouse of the Company's No. 1 mine, waiting for a cage to take them underground. The miner was adjusting the ~~the old dry-cell~~ light back battery in the belted ^{wire} ~~sack~~ about her waist, and the rubber insulated "tail" from the ~~dry-cell~~ battery in the belted canvas sack on her back up and over to the reflector on the front of her hard miners' hat.

When he had finished the miner stood back regarding her, smiling, and said, "There, ^{now} you look like a real miner - almost."

Julia laughed, ^{with her lips,} rich contrasts. "Oh, thank you, Mr. Mackay. But why 'almost'?"

Joseph looked at her solemnly for a moment, ^{then smiling:} and ~~said~~ "Because there is so little beauty about mining and you are a beautiful ¹² ~~from down~~

Just then a skip dumped its load of ore into the chute, and their conversation was ~~broken~~ ^{a terrific} ~~swallow~~ silenced by the reverberating roar ^{from above} of the falling tons of ore which made the ground shake where they stood.

When it had passed Julie said, "What was that terrible noise - is the mine coming in - ~~but~~ what were you ^{just} saying, when" No. That was ^{only} a skip load of ore which just ~~just~~ came ~~up~~ from underground and was dumped into the chutes above us, ready to be carried in trams out to the stock piles. And I

was just saying that -- that it was time
for our cage to be along. And here it is."

Julie and Joseph entered the large steel
cage and Joseph pressed a button, a bell rang,
and ^{then} with breathtaking swiftness they dropped
down the mine shaft, down through the shaft
solid rock, until ^{the temp., not what all was} blackness except for the
beam of Joseph's light. Julie was clinging to the
iron railing gasping for her breath at the terrific
speed.

The town of Iron Cliffs lay in a broad swampy valley between chains of squat, bald iron bluffs. Upon these bluffs, like fronts protruded the numerous towering shaft-houses of the iron mines. Sometimes at dusk in the shadows these shaft-houses looked like ~~spines from the backs of some~~ ancient, somnolent monsters. The region formed a part of the great pre-Cambrian shield of North America.

Beyond the town and north to the international boundary swept great and swampy forests and lakes and more hills, covered and fringed with pines, birch, maple, cedar and tamaracs, and bearing ~~sooty~~ rocky, jagged, ^{gigantic} ~~upward~~ ^{upward} evidence of the death struggles of past tired glacers.

Rich iron ore deposits had been discovered at the town site shortly following the Civil War. At first it was believed the the ~~mines~~ ^{ore} ^{and} ^{wood} ~~adventurous~~ little groups ^{were} ~~came~~ to the town to ^{make} ~~make~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{labor} ~~labor~~. Rich ~~ores~~ lay near the surface and there still ~~lived~~ ^{lived} the latter, and men tortured themselves to death quarrying the great ~~stone~~ ^{hard} pieces of ore from the early pits with their crude equipment. Stories were still told of the terrible labor of these early miners, ^{with their crude equipment} and of the patient open ~~pit~~ used to drag the huge slabs from the pits until their feet were too sore for further service, when they were killed and eaten by the miners.

After years of wild, ^{quarrying}, slashing mining by these hardy little groups, a large steel corporation came had come to the blustering mining camp of Iron Cliffs, had surveyed, drilled and calculated — discovering

at last that ^{even} the rich deposits, the ^{soft} hematite ore,
lay far underground — and then had
literally brought the town, mineral
rights and all. Benevolent Science ^{inviropated,} had
~~at last~~ arrived ^{come} to regulate the back-breaking ^{toil} of man's
toil for ^{in his struggle for} wealth and power — and ^{more} life.

The region formed a part of the southern margin of the great pre-Cambrian shield of North America.

In the shadow of ~~the~~ dusk these shaft-houses sometimes looked

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like the spiny back of some ancient, somolent, reptilian monster.

The town of Iron Cliffs lay in a broad swampy valley between chains of ancient, rugged, bald iron hills. These hills were dotted with the shaft-houses of the iron mines. Beyond the town and north to the international boundary, lakes and hills swept forests and swamps and more hills, covered with pines, spruces, birches, maples, and bearing jagged and tangled evidence of the death of the last tired glacier. Rich deposits of iron ore had been discovered at the town site shortly after the Civil War, and after years of wild, hardy slashing mining by dozens of little adventurous groups, a large steel corporation had come to the mining camp of Iron Cliffs, had surveyed, calculated, and drilled, and then had literally bought the entire town, mineral rights and all.

Thus, gradually, a measure of respectability had been brought to the town of Iron Cliffs with the advent of the new Iron Cliffs Ore Company, ^{this} lusty corporate offspring of a great steel corporation, with its head offices in the distant state of Delaware. But the town had never lost its air of being a mining camp; this was still evidenced by the rows of frame clap-board buildings with their ~~flaps~~ & false second storeys which still stood along the main street; by the rows of ~~squat~~ ^{A few white-washed} stout log cabins which still housed ^{continued to house} families of miners within a block of the new city hall; and in the haphazard, winding streets of the town, ^{which were} usually narrow, ^{but} which sometimes capriciously swelled out into a brief and pregnant stretch of inordinately broad ^{little} boulevard only to as suddenly collapse into a narrow, winding ^{round} trail.

Points of the compass meant nothing in Iron Cliffs. Two families might live on the same street, and one live on North Hematite Street and the other on West Hematite. Some of the oldest settlers -- old miners and their wives -- declared that the ^{town} was laid out late one Christmas Eve by a drunken Scotchman during a howling blizzard.

and that the only instrument he carried was a ^{smoking} lantern, while his lurching young assistant carried a jug.

While the town still had its prostitutes and its ^{pandlers} ~~procurers~~ -- generally the latter were ~~usually~~ a red-necked gentry who would not have understood the word ~~pimp~~ ^{much} less resent it, but would fight if one called them taxi-drivers -- ^{they were} ~~they were~~ chauffeurs who drove for the ^{McKenna} auto livery, usually ^{by the depot,} and could be found day or night, hunched over the wheels of their huge, lumbering Cadillacs, ^{or Hudson Super-Sixes,} by the depot, or arguing ^{and through the long winter} or bragging around the gloomy ^{the restaurant of Makela the Finn,} cast-iron stove in Makela's ^{there smoking} restaurant across the way. And there were still dozens of saloons, arenas for the joys and combats of the miners and lumberjacks, ^{but the churches were slowly creeping up on them.}

Each new racial group that ^{had} came to the town, attracted ^{mainly} by ready employment in the mines, brought their own religious dogmas; their own priests and clergy and magic men; their own secret lodges and grips and mysterious rituals; and thus, finally, God was divinely butchered and neatly divided among no less than a score of churches, to its stout little bands of followers each of which offered ^{the} one true ladder to heaven!.

↑ The town finally got a brick highschool, a stone fire-hall and city hall, an imposing sandstone Carnegie library, a frame skii and snow-shoe club. ^{Then} The mining company had built a modern brick hospital and there was even talk of a Y.M.C.A. -- and the solid citizens regarded with deep satisfaction the results of their efforts to make Iron Cliffs like every other small town in America. But after all it was still a mining camp, for where else in America could one hear the dishes rattle on the table following the shuddering blasts of ^{except in a mining town} iron ore under the town? Where else could one find gaunt, sprawling frame boarding houses where the menus, when there were any, were written in foreign languages? And where ^{elsewhere} could one boil and perspire in the ^{rugged,} luxurious hell of a Finnish steam bath ^{with menu} on the main street, while a stalwart

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The mines had attracted a large number of immigrants. There were Cornishmen, straight from their tin mines; Swedes ^{native} and Norwegians, and ~~and~~ a few Danes; many Finns, and quite a few Sicilian ^{mostly Sicilians.} Italians, Then in lesser numbers we're the French, mostly from Canada, followed by Irish, who were usually railroad men or ^{blacksmiths or} firemen at the mines, boilers, and a few Scotch and Germans who were mostly tradesmen ^{and saloonkeepers} and rarely worked down in the mines. And there were the two clothiers, ^{whose race} Leopold & Son, those inevitable representatives of the real ^{was none} pioneers of the earth, Leopold & Son, whose race was none of these. They ran the large Miners Store across from the bank copper coated # In this square stood a tall cast-iron Indian ^{copper coated} symbol of the ^{giant} great one of the ^{giant} great mining ^{ranges} nation, copper coated, shading his eyes, peering into the North, as though vainly searching for some living member of this tribe which had once lived and hunted and fought in the ^{dark} sombre loneliness of the ~~savage~~ surrounding ~~savage~~ hills and forests.

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In this square stood a tall iron statue of an Otsipive Indian, shading his eyes, peering into the North, as though searching for some member of the tribe of his ancestors which had once roamed and hunted ~~out~~ ^{hills and forests} over the sombre令人愁苦的 ~~surroundings~~ ^{cliffs, ~~and~~} ^{until at last} they had faded away ~~gradually going away before their~~ ^{strange} ^{ruthless} ^{domination} grasping and prying of the whites - these men who would go down in a hole with gun and ^{They} ~~topes~~ ^{groped} ^{upon} the last survivors of his tribe describe the early years of mining, in their Otsipive Nagamow, their tribal hymn:

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— or, most freely translated, with the greatest of license:

(In the bowels of the earth
The foreign devils are working.
They are gathering our metal,
They are the hired toolers;
While the big knives (Americans)
They are our despoilers.)

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How incredibly dull.

"^{innumerable} moon was imp. by a damp fog like no mist."

The warm moonlit northern night was wide and still.

The high moon, now passionately naked in its endless quest for a mate, bathed the lonely earth in its soft light, transforming, by its sensuous female glow, the drear and prose of earth-bound things into unwritten and unwritable poetry.

Joseph and the woman, Julie, lay on the wooden pier, ^{over} the water, both under the spell of the vast, mobile street of moonglow streaming across the lake. Around them the night-sounds, the noises and small tickings of the little objects of the earth; the soaring spung of the night birds; the hot click of grasshoppers; the shrill, endless rivalry of frogs and crickets; the gulping snore of the bullfrog and over all ^{the} pulsing, stillness, the aching echo of a million nights in time.

^{A long while and then} The woman Julie tried to speak and her voice came as a husky croak as she reached for Joseph. And the Karelian, this Joseph, stepped off the pier and swam quietly into the path of the moon and the woman followed him, and then they disappeared into the deep shadows of the small, pine-clad island; and it grew still; nothing, then, but the yellow, baleful light of the moon -- that ancient procress -- jealously dancing on the disturbed waters of the lake; -- dancing amid the gleeful small shouts and night-noises of a throbbing and victorious earth,

^{afraid, own, Christy}
"You and your friends,
sophistication be done a
lay for thy friend
laid down Finland under ministrant
^{Admits propinquity}
flees his present
lives before you."

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Joe, down and
from how big
fight. leave down
clif. maid tells all.
Scandal. social
obligation for Joseph
water! :
Haw!

{Mitho
Millie

Up my own
He parked and turned
lights this, my own
beautiful
about these great, simple
meanders going
down deep into the earth for
ore."

Down deep for ore, boy! Listen, my

and he howled and shrank
little ^{my friend's} but "going down deep
and dangled, shrank, shaken
with ribald, incredible, obscene squalls of

laughter, repeated the phrase over and over, while his wife, Julie, sat dullly repeating in her mind:

A man came down the hill from the farm house, quietly walked out upon the fair, and stood there for a long time with his glovering cigar. Then he dropped the cigar on the counter and slowly walked back to join the others in the parlour.

Wedding
INJURY
ORE
good times
ANGLO period
depression
pride
conclusion

HENRY HARY
TESTIFIES VS.
AND IS FIRED
AND DIED.
LIVES AT FARM
LAWYER, APPEAL,
TRIES TO GET JOSSI'S JOB.
INCREDIBLY DROPS IT.

Discarded - Not used.

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been ready in a year and
during the next several
years he had grown into a
mines

tall, slender, and incredibly strong young Josephi Maki had one night in the dry, with hundred of miners around, ^{to work in the mine} ~~young~~ man and his dead father's friend, Henry Hary, now next to the captain of the mine, declared that ~~he~~ was one of the best miners in all of the Iron Cliff mines. There were those who ~~do~~ resented this ^{only a few} ~~a few~~ great honor being bestowed on young Josephi like who ~~a~~ ^{old} ~~old~~ man in the mine, Tramme Waino also said he supposed even Jussi Saastamoinen would be regarded as a great miner if he was going to marry the daughter of the boss, meaning since engaged to Henry Hary's daughter. Jussi was an aged, humpbacked, ^{rumbly,} little Finn who swept and swabbed in the "dry" where the miners ate and changed and showered, this usually got a laugh from the knots of miners whom Waino addressed. But the laughter was mostly good-natured, ^{rumbly,} lazy Finn laughter, for Josephi was a great favorite with his fellow miners; and as a matter of fact he had for two ^{summer} months come within a few tons of tying the record of that gloomy giant, Uno Korpi, whose prodigal feats of strength and endurance were ^{the} discussed with awe by miners along the entire northern range.

But great Uno was dead and his great arms were still, for he drank whiskey and loved women ^{blindly and with all his strength} following pay day he was like he tramped ore — and one morning his wife found him lying ^{dead} in an alley behind an Italian resort where both these items bloomed in abundance with his bloody tongue between the handle of the knife protruding ^{thrust} from his back, one of his ^{large} ^{great} hands clutching a handful of black hair.

But Josephi seldom got drunk, and only known Finnish girls; and now he was going to marry ^{Aure} ^{dead father's} Lompi Haaju, the daughter of his best friend; and nearly every night he could be seen hunched over the wheel of his little ^{broad} ^{foot}, driving up to Henry Hary's fine house in town. For Henry Hary had been promoted ^{first} to Mr. Olds at the ^{No. 1} mine, and he had sold his farm and got a ^{nice white} house in town, owned and provided by the mine, and only two blocks away from the ^{mine} superintendents'

beautiful home, and he had a furnace and a garage
for his ^{new} auto, and ^{then} bought ^{him} his own mills and
eggs from the local creamery, ^{Henry Hayn} ~~for~~ he had sold his
farm and his cows and had become a town-dweller.



~~Aune, I have saved enough money now,
dolllars, and I think it is time for our
marriage."~~

Carey indicated
bony structure,
brooding
face,

Josephi was shining and eager and
handsome as he sat in the living room of Henry
Hayn. He was a dark Finn, a Karelian type, like
his father, ~~so~~ ^{striking} a contrast to the blue-eyed,
^{the prevailing} ~~Tavastland type, so common among~~
~~buoxom straw-haired, full~~ ^{deep virgin} Aune, who sat
beside him, her full cheeks glowing with health
and love and desire; her full, firm breasts
heaving and straining at their bonds, her large blue
~~eyes cast down to the floor.~~

"Yes, Josephi, I am anxious for our
marriage, too. — ^{It is} ~~but~~ ^{Esau who} wants us to live in
town ... ^{especially since Aiti died} and you want us to live on your mother's
farm." She looked at him, and he sat very still,
and her eyes ^{had grown dark} were shining and wet. "But, my
Josephi, I cannot wait longer for you, and I will ^{even} live
in a bathhouse to be with you — my lover."



The wedding: (Sat. Nov. 9, 1935.)

They were married in Henry Hargis' house. downstairs in the living room
The minister's wife played was playing Sibelius' Finlandia and a male quartet sang an vocal arrangement in Finnish. It was very beautiful and fine. Professor Suomi had come all the way from the Finnish-American college at St. Cloud to sing the lead, and when it was over he showed ~~this~~ the minister's wife a letter from Jan Sibelius himself warmly complimenting him on the his splendid ^{vocal} arrangement. The minister's wife, a large healthy, talented woman

Rev. The minister, Elias Hungurin was upstairs in Henry Hargis' bedroom

That night there was a wedding dance in
the Kaleva Hall. Toivossäari and his orchestra

The white flag was missing at the mine

~~Joseph Mackey~~

The mine bells clanged, the whistles blew,
and the ^{bloody} broken body of Joseph Mackey, miner, was
rushed to surface ^{lying} on a ~~dripping~~ skip-load of dripping ore.
Four frantic red miners lifted him from the skip-load
of dripping ore, ^{onto a stretcher}, and ran ^{crying} from the shaft-house, ^{and down to the dry,}
and blinded by the daylight

X Harmless, crazed Jussi Sacastamoren, ^{caretaker of the dry,} held open the door of the
dry. He kept looking at floor and muttering: Colo ^{Colo -} ^{as though to prove it}
Josephi colo - o - o - o. But Joseph was not dead, and he opened his pain-glozed
and looked blankly at Jussi. They lay Joseph on the benches and removed his ^{a locket} torn
clothing. The entire side of his body was terribly lacerated injured. His
arm

Julie & Joseph
Tarry & talk with his
mother and other ^{before her} The others
leave P. H. The steam bathhouse.

She followed him, with

Joseph held the heavy door of the bathroom open as she walked out. She fastened the door and turned, and Julie looked at him, her eyes ^{were wide} dark and smiling, her ~~childish~~ ^{a woman} ~~childish~~ ^{Julie looked at him} ~~childish~~, her face flushed and moist from the heat, fearing humble and contrite obedience ^{extreme and} tremulous uncertainty.

"Come," said Joseph.

"How incredibly droll," said the ^{Daughter} woman, Julie, as they walked from the bathhouse.

Joseph said, "Julie, ~~woman~~, you have great knowledge and talk well of many things. But it is not meant for every people ^{here, on earth, too} to know much about ~~many~~ important ^{they mean} things in living. He turned to her with dark, troubled eyes, and slowly said, 'things of life.' And when they do, it is often that they become them crazy - or they die." He regarded her with solemnity. "There are many deep things in life, Julie. Woman understand."

Julie laughed. "Joseph, you're an adorable, hopeless, mystic, ^{his deep chuckle, and then, half seriously:} as a child of nature. Julie laughed. How does one proceed to acquire this lofty, resigned, lofty calm attitude towards life? Come, Joseph, teach me how!"

His look abruptly ^{abruptly} turned bathing, sultry and briefly, at her. His eyes were smoky, heavy-lidded, ~~heavy-lidded~~, ~~heavy-lidded~~, almost gruffly, he said: Come! Come out of the fire, woman, and listen to the ~~fire~~ prophet. Do not talk.

The towering, hematite-stained, steel
shaft house of the mine stood on a high, rocky
bluff near the west side of the broad valley of Iron
Cliffs. At the foot of this bluff it lay sprawled the long
dry, the machine shop, ^{the} blacksmith shop, engine house,
and boiler room of the Member One mine. Farther away
were the miniature bluffs ^{where lay store of the storage} of mineral ore, the stock piles,
~~On the other side~~^{of the bluff} were the offices and laboratories
of the mine.

This shaft-house house was the structure
which sheltered the vertical entrance down into the mine —
the "shaft itself," which dropped over a half-mile ^{shaft} down
through the ^{soft} solid native rock. Typical of all iron
mines, at various depths, or "levels," like the
various floors in a great building, but
much farther apart, ran the ^{long} horizontal
corridors, or drifts, reaching out into the ^{distant} ore
bodies. The shaft itself was divided into
It was along ^{along} ^{turth} through these long, underground drifts that the
tram cars brought the ore out to the shaft to be carried to
the surface in the ^{great} steel elevators, or "ships."
~~Explains etc.~~ To hit the ^{staggering} ~~complex~~ ^{large} ~~quantum~~ ^{cost} of iron
mining while the vast, staggering scale on
which iron mining must be conducted makes
it appear mystifying and ^{endlessly} ~~in~~ complex, the theory

At the State mining
school Professor
Swetland would
open his freshman
lectures

The shaft is the ^{sole} entrance to the mine,
and had at least three compartments, one, the ladder way for
the men, which also contained the air and water pipes and ^{electric} ~~wiring~~ ^{conductors};
then the passage for the large ^{steel} cage, the elevators in which the
men are transported, and then at ~~least~~ ^a one compartment for
the ^{steel} ship, in which the ore was carried to the surface.

The business of iron mining

But perhaps the words of Professor Sweetland of the state mining college, ^{made} in his opening lectures to the ~~as yet~~ ^{new and} freshman, aspiring young freshman geologists and mining engineers, would be more authentic and accurate, if possibly less imaginative:

"While the vast, staggering scale on which iron - mining must be conducted makes it appear mystifying and endlessly complex to the average observer ^{theory} yet in reality, as well as ^{reality} ^{and technical jargon} in theory, the operations are very simple. ^{It is the opposite that sometimes confuses one.} The aim of the producer is to mine the ore with safety, economy and despatch!"

"That is why the shaft is sunk through the native rock, just as ~~you do~~ a farmer wouldn't dig a well in soft dirt or loose rock.

The biggest bugbear to profitable mining is the law of gravity. That is why the boat men ^{by means of}. That is why, with scrapers, rausies, wings, chutes and inclines, ~~it~~ from the time the ^{raw} ore is torn from the breast it is lifted ^{upwards} only once — when the ships carry it to surface. ~~the~~ have never been able to get away

Pictures, if you will,
When a hematite ore body is well
mined, it is literally riddled in the

Reverie of Auld Ag'e

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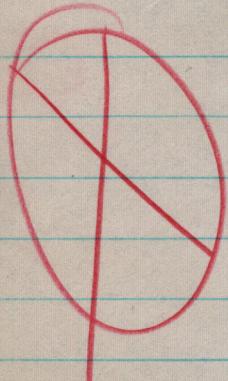
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{ 18 yrs ago I made damn near 10 bucks selling newspapers.
Wish I could make that now! }
Mon. 11, 1935.

May 11, 1935.

The warm ^{moondlit} Northern night was
wide and ~~wide~~ still. ~~and achingly beautiful.~~ The
high moon, was ~~naked and~~ ^{This night now} naked,
~~bathed in~~ ^{bathed the} endless quest for a mate, the lonely earth, bathed in
its ^{uplight} moonlight, transforming by its ~~soft~~, sensuous,
female glow, the ~~oblong~~ ^{boundless} ~~dark~~ ^{dark} ~~and gloomy~~ ^{and gloomy} objects of earth -
~~things~~ ^{things} into unwritten and unwritables, poetry. ^{living} TO HELL YOU SAY!

Red hair



the wooden pier above the water, the woman on her back
the man on his stomach, both ^{under the spell of the vast, mobile} gazing at ^{which cause} street of
moonlight, streaming across the little lake. Around
them the night-sounds, the ^{noises and} ^{and noises} ~~noises~~ ^{incredibly} small tickings of
the little ^{objects} ^{the} ^{sparing} ^{of} ^{night hawks;}
the shrill, rivalry of frogs and crickets; the gulping ^{now more} ^{over all} ^{throb} ^{puberty} ^{aching} ^{echo,}
of the bullfrog; and the whooping stillness, ^{aching} ^{of a million nights}
ago and to come in time.

Afterwards

And the woman Julie tried to speak and her voice was a husky croak as she ^{sudden} reached ^{and clutch} for Joseph. And Joseph stepped off the pier and swam quietly into the path of the moon and the woman followed him, and, they disappeared ^{deep} swimming into the shadows of the small, pine-clad island; and then it grew still; — nothing, but the yellow, ^{gateful} light of the moon, ^{that ancient process,} ^{throning and} ^{amid the gleeful small shorts and mirth} of victorious earth.



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Boniface

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On the third night Dr. David Downer came in late from a confinement case, paused at the sideboard and poured himself ^{half a tumbler} a slug of whiskey, and then ^{heavily potting and} went into his wife's room, turned on the light, and ^{grasping} the back of a chair with his bony fingers, swayed back and forth looking ^{down} at his wife, Julie. She lay there, awake, ^{watchfully alert,} her ^{dark eyes} ^{listening} sleep-dark eyes like ^{two} pieces of wet slate, while her husband glared down at her through waves of warm alcohol fumes. Finally ^{she said softly} Julie said, "All right, David — the pause has been sufficiently dramatic. It's all ^{to go ahead} right now."

As though he had been pushed unto ^{help, to} stage, late for his lines, Dr. Downer began to shout, wagging his finger, knitting his brows:

"The Belle of Baltimore! The ^{white} billowing belly of the Belle of Baltimore ..." he paused, pointing his finger at her — "You and your Christly pseudo-sophistication! ^{The gal who} became a lay, a push-over, for the first God Damn Finlander minn that ^{before} flexed his peasant biceps ^{in front of you} her!"

His voice was rising in an incredible crescendo of harsh, grinding scorn. Listen to this, my sweet, I thought of ^{this beautiful politic thought} a poem to night as I was pulling ^{myself} ^{out} ^{from} the belly of a Fim. Listen! It's my own, my ^{but it is} very own. There is a exquisite, earthy poetry about these great simple minns going down deep into the female earth for ore! Aint it swell, darling? Down deep for female ore!" His voice now rose in an incredible crescendo of barking rage. "Listen, my little, my precious slut! — going down deep for female ore!"

And he howled and shivered and danced and twitched, shaken with ribald, violently obscene squalls of wet laughter, shrieking, repeating this phrase,



over and over, while his white-faced wife, Julie,
lay there ~~listlessly~~^{the words,} dully repeating in her
mind, "There are many ^{profound} ~~deep~~ things in life that
even the wisest will never understand, Julie woman!"

And so, After the Downers suddenly left
from Cliffs ~~there was~~^{had} a tidal wave of gossip
and ~~scandal~~^{stony} ~~washed~~^{surged} over the town, tearing
down ~~and~~^{suggest, snarling} eroding character, ~~and~~^{and finally}
steaming and bubbling in a ~~distorted~~^{strong} backwash
~~of repetition.~~^{giving all this} of distorted repetition. Practically,
her beloved maid, the "hired girl", had
stood against her ^{bedroom} door in a shivering ecstasy of
knowledge, straining and listening to the
eruption, her ^{and shrouded body,} mind ^{the purity of} fired by ^{long exposure to}
true romances, avidly lapping up these Doctor's
words, and storing them into little prettles ^{of scandal} which
would swell and burst at the first opportunity.

'They say she had men come and sleep with her.' - 'A child is
expected in May.' 'He's ^{been} a dope-fund for years.' - Wild orgies in their bungalow -
beat her with a garden hose - used to be a ^{was} chorus girl ^{dia} when he married her
Her favorite was a ^{dia} Fumi minni called Maki -

The Iron Cliffs Ore Company's

No. 1 mine was a hematite mine,
that is, the ore was largely
a granulated flaky dirt
instead of the hard iron ore, although
high grade specimens
bodies of both ores abounded under the town of
Iron Cliffs.

"Come in and sit down, please," said Alexie Kivi, with grave courtesy. ~~Alexie He led them into his living quarters.~~
Henry Hargrave spoke rapidly in Finnish: "Lawyer, Kivi,
Joseph - Joseph - is my son-in-law. He has no
money for a lawyer." Pause. "And I have but little,
now, from buying stocks in the mine, ~~so many~~ ^{company}. They
have made a merger and my stock is like as nothing.
Can you take the ~~son's~~ case? the mine won't pay, they
want me to witness against him. I will not do it,
They should pay."

~~And Alexie Kivi invited~~ brought them
~~into his living quarters and~~ They told him about
Joseph's accident injury, and he asked them many
questions. Then he prepared and served coffee for them, and played
and sang a familiar Finnish folksong and played
several Finnish polkas and folk-songs while they
drank. As they were leaving Alexie Kivi said, "I shall
prepare the papers. It is a case under the workmen's
compensation law. It is a hard case, but he should
win. If it is won, then I shall look for my reward
~~be compensated.~~ ^{in Finnish:} otherwise, no pay for me."

At the hearing before the ^{assistant} commissioner
of the board of labor Joseph ^{lunched to the witness stand and} told the story of his accident.
After a searching cross-examination by the
counsel for the mine company, Alexis Kivi called
Henry Haryn as a witness and he testified that he
had several ^{or} ~~other~~ ^{afternoon} warned the company's safety engineer
of the necessity of a new air hose up into the ^{particular} raise where
Joseph had climbed the day he was hurt. "Dat hose
sound leaky and noisy like breathing of old man
when he die," brought a frosty smile from the
labor commissioners, but it was a frosty smile,
and there were no smiles on the faces of Joseph
Mackay or on the faces of the scores of miners ^{as they}
listened to the safety engineer, so called by the Company,
~~as he denied that the safety~~ ^{air} hose was defective, or that
Henry Haryn or anyone else had called any such
defect to his attention; And there was a surly, ominous
undercurrent of muttering as the ^{attorney} ~~counsel~~ for the
Company concluded by stating to the commissioners
"that it is apparent ~~that~~ in this case that the
claimant was grossly negligent for his own safety,
and that in any event he had not shown that any
accident had occurred, as that term has been construed
by our Supreme Court." The hearing was ended.

In three weeks Alexis Kivi ^{drove to the farm in a}
and showed ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{third auto} ~~his~~ a brief notice from the Board of Labor that his ~~claim~~
claim had been denied, and that ~~one~~ ^{appeal} "I shall
appeal," said Alexis Kivi.

Aune and Jooseppi took a train trip to Minnesota on their honeymoon, staying at the home of Aunes aunt. They took ski trips As Aunes aunt lived in a small town in Northern Minnesota, and Aune and Jooseppi did not find it quite warmer than Iron Cliffs, but they went ^{hiking} skating and skiing, and were ^{quite} proud when one of Iron Cliffs young Finnish riders won ^{first place at} a ski jump, which took place while they were there.

It was the first time Jooseppi had been so far away, and he was delighted to see all the new sights. Their weeks vacation was half over, and Aunes aunt urged them to stay longer, so ^{time compelled my family,} Jooseppi sent a night telegram to Henry Hargi:

"It's fine here in Minnesota. Aune and I are enjoying it so much. Please see if you can arrange for another week ^{leave from} at the mine.
Jooseppi."

Before they arose the next morning, Aunes aunt burstled into their bedroom with an answer.

"It's fine anywhere STOP Come home ^{at once.} STOP. We need you at the mine."

Henry Hargi."

violent shrieked and Jooseppi thrashed in the bed with his ^{admitting him} laughter, and Aune flushed a deep crimson, laughing in spite of herself. "The evil old rascal," she said, "imagine ^{my own father} doing such a thing!" (over)

Josephi laughing weakly, finally gasped to Anne, "Don't credit your papa with such wit.... That's one of the first jokes I heard at the mine...."

"You let me send that telegram, knowing that!"

"Why, darling, it never occurred to me.... what would you of thought of your pure young husband? Perish the thought."

Aune and Josephpi were married on New Year's Eve in Henry Haryis house. The house was overflowing with guests, miners and farmers, their wives and the older children. For the second time Josephpi's mother, Kaprina, wore the ^{shining, matting} black sick dress she had got ^{for the funeral}, when Josephpi's father was killed. Miners from both the night and day shifts were there as there was no work the next day. They were shining with soap and laughingly ill at ease in their Sunday clothes.

The older Finnish folks gravitated ^{out} to the kitchen where the steaming Lempi, Henry Haryis housekeeper, ladled out ~~the~~ steamers an endless

NO SPACE

The ceremony was performed with brevity and simple dignity by Reverend Kildinen, Josephpi and Aune ^{swelling} recited a prayer rug which the minister had brought back from the Holy Land. After Josephpi ^{and the minister had} kissed Aune, and Henry Haryi had kissed everyone within reach, the minister's wife stood by the piano and sang, her ^{wedding} vigor making up for ^{any} lack of training, the majestic ~~like~~ the vocal arrangement of that majestic piece, Sibelius' Finlandia. As she swung into the fourth verse, somewhat behind the piano but ^{rapidly} gaining ground, Aune looked innocently at her father, Henry Haryi, and winked. He ~~was~~ tugged at his moustache in desperation but was seized with a fit of coughing just as Mrs. Kildinen, ~~from~~

~~her song~~, flushed and triumphant,
finally caught up with the piano and ~~sing~~ ended
~~sing~~ the song.

The older Finnish folks gravitated to the kitchen where the steaming Lempi, Henry Haryn's housekeeper, ladled out endless drafts of boiling coffee. Henry Haryn was all over, plied between the kitchen and the living room, pausing to examine the gifts piled deep on the dining room table, laughing and grinning and digging his thumbs into the ribs of passing guests. Over all ~~song~~ was a continuous, ^{flowing} hum of musical, ~~associated~~ conversation in Finnish.

"Here, Josephpi — here is a little present from the men at Section One.... we forgot to get it here sooner." A young Finnish miner, deeply flushed but resolute, detached himself from a group and handed Josephpi a package tied in ribbons and tissue. Anne helped the fumbling Josephpi to undo the manifold wrappings and Josephpi at last ^{stood holding a} held ^{laughing and} a book in his hands, flushing deeply as he read the title.

"Read it, Josephpi. Read it!" said crud the young miner, thumping Josephpi upon the back.

"'What Every Young Father Should Know,' Josephpi read, his voice finally drowned in the squalls of sudden laughter from the guests.

Henry Haryn held up his hand.
"Listen! It is New Years Eve. Who knows what the future will bring for these young doves?.... Ah, I have foisted that — — Kaisa Maria will

tell their fortune." Henry Hargrave then hurried to the kitchen and drove ^{all} the guests into the living room. "Come, come, Kaisa Maria will tell the future!"



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The old woman was fatter and larger than any person Jooseppi had ever seen. She waddled in from ~~the~~ ^{Lempis} kitchen ^{bedroom,} guided by two of the guests, her eyes slits in her great, paunchy cheeks. They maneuvered her around and finally into a large settee over which she rolled and spread like a sow at a county fair. ~~Here breath came in short wheezing whistles as she squinted~~ ~~She sat there breathing hard, squinting out of her~~ little eyes, her thick legs wide apart, folding her huge arms across her pulpy breasts which flowed down her body like great sagging bladders of wine.

Maria Niemi,

She was Kaisi *Mia*, the Finnish fortune teller, in great demand at weddings and festivals. The men ^{quickly} carried in a tub of water from the kitchen and placed it before her, and all of the guests gathered around.

Muumi
Kaisi *Mia* held up her fat hand for silence.

"Come, Mikko," she shrilled in high-voiced Finnish, "come, lazy one, we are ready."

Jooseppi and Aune giggled nervously as her little old husband, Kaisi *Niemis* ~~Mia's~~ little helper, appeared in the doorway of the kitchen carrying ~~the~~ a ladle of molten lead. "Jack Spratt," Aune whispered to Jooseppi, squeezing his hand. The little man stood in the kitchen doorway, staring uncertainly at the crowd of guests. Then he grinned, exposing his toothless gums. Matching his leathery cheeks, he wore an ancient straw hat, ^{the} thickness and hue of a well-done waffle.

"Hurry, fool, we are waiting!"

He walked with quick, nervous steps up to his wife and handed her the ladle. Then he attempted to squeeze his spare shanks unto the settee with *Muumi*, but she casually shuddered her great hips and he was quietly deposited on the floor, where he obediently sat intently watching the ceremony which his wife was about to perform.

She held the ladle over the cold vat of water, muttering unintelligibly in Finnish. Then she suddenly dropped the molten ^{metal} lead into the hissing water, handed the empty ladle to her husband, and again folding her arms over her great breasts, closed her eyes and hummed an old Finnish air, rocking slowly to and fro.

Her husband sat forward and peered down ^{to} in the tub, beady-eyed, unwinking, munching his toothless gums in rapid, wet, elastic bites, pouting out his lips, pouching out his cheeks, like a greedy squirrel. Finally: "It is ready, Kaisi ^{Minna} ~~Mia~~," he said in Finnish, "it is ready."

With surprising agility Kaisi ^{Minna} ~~Mia~~ bent over and dipped her arm into the tub and brought up the curiously warped and mishapen piece of lead. From its contour she would tell the fortune of the newly married pair.

Kaisi ^{Minna} ~~Mia~~ studied the piece of lead intently. Then she held up her hand, looked at Aune and Jooseppi, speaking slowly in Finnish: "There is much sorrow ^{and anguish} in the world, my children -- and I see sadness for you, and doubt, my children, and misunderstanding. Woe is man's lot. But I see, too, finally....it is uncertain....is it happiness?....There is a chance -- --"

"Wah! Get on with you. What is this old woman's talk of unhappy business at a wedding! On with you, fat one, it is time for the dance!"

It was Henry Harju, grinning broadly, as he and the men heaved and tugged the woman to her feet and towed her ^{out} ~~back~~ to the kitchen. Then the ~~wife~~ wedding party left for the Kaleva Hall for the wedding dance.

By March the frozen grip of winter would start to relax, but the mild periods were rare, and the miners were often still hurry down into the deep, warm underground where they could the biting blizzard might the surface of the earth. March would search in vain to reach them.

One night ~~as he was underground~~ at the bottom of the mine, Joseph shivered as he passed an old raise, used as an airshaft, as he heard the whining, soughing echo of the wind as it whined over the raise opening of the airshaft ~~over two thousand feet~~ ~~raise~~ ~~strong~~ ~~far~~ above him.

Joseph passed on and into the great stone chamber of the pumproom, hewn out of solid rock, where he checked over with the pumpman the number of gallons which the giant pumps were lifting out of the ~~underground~~ ^{subterranean} lake, or sump, where the subterranean constantly running and dripping mine waters were collected. It was nearing midnight and ^{were coming out of the ore bodies and} the miners ^{were} passing the door of the pumproom walking along the drift to the cage shaft, ^{there} to be carried up to surface to eat their midnight meal at the dry.

As Joseph stood in the pumproom he observed ^{that as} ^{were} two miners passing the door. One of the miners was supporting the other, who appeared to be walking with difficulty. Joseph hurried out of the pumproom into the dripping drift and hailed the miners, walking up to them.

"Joseph - Mr. Mackey - my partner ^{Arvo} ~~is~~ is being pretty sick. We have not been able to get out ^{only little} ~~much~~ ore for tonight we had to quit. The air up in our sub his being awful bad, ^{already} ~~in~~ was running the scraper and Arvo was ~~at~~ at the breast and pretty soon his falling down on his face ^{already} and I have to

help him down out of the racee."

Joseph looked closely at the sick man, who stood swaying uncertainly in the dim light. Through the patches of red hematite his face shone with an ashen pallor and his eyes were ~~unseeing~~ and heavy.

"What's your contract, Joris?" Joseph asked.
the first mine.

"Number 27, Mr. Mackey.... I hope you make fixing ^{place} ~~that~~ we can work.... we cannot earn no money if we don't get out the ore," ^{please} I think something should be done ^{for place} ~~that~~, ^{please} Mr. Mackey."

"That's true, ^{Joris}, ~~men~~, Joseph agreed. "I'll go and look at it before I ^{for} go up. Have Arvo report at the dry ^{Buy that he gets paid a full day} for treatment. I'll get a stemmer ~~to~~ to finish out the shift with you."

"Oh thank you, Mr. Mackey. Thank you very much, please — for Arvo, too."

Omit

In common with ~~most~~ all of the iron mines in the ~~area~~ Iron Cliffs, it was the practice of at the Section One mine for the miners to drill and blast out a cut of ore just before they finished their shift, thus allowing time for the air to blow ^{clean} by the time the smoke ~~and~~ out of the sub so that the succeeding shift might work in ^{comparatively} clear air and immediately start scraping out the ^{ore} cut left by the other shifts down the ^{various} raises into the chutes, there to be carried to the distant ship-chutes by the large electric trams.

Feb. 3, 1936

Chap.

Have miners work on cribbing, but complaining of losing money. - Have blizzard outside

One night just before the men were about to go up to the surface to eat their midnight meal at the dry, Joseph was standing in the pump-room next to the sump at the bottom of the mine. ^{Checking with} ~~Pumpman was an important part of Joseph's duties, for~~ Without these enormous pumps to lift the water out of the underground lakes, the sums, the entire underground workings of the mine would ~~soon~~ ^{Furnace} become flooded. Joseph was talking with the ^{pumpman} engineer. ^{Miners are leaving the door from the ore body, another word "the cage",} ~~about the water levels for the day.~~ Two miners, coming out along the drift from the raise in which they had been working, seeing Joseph in the engine room, ^{stone hewn out of solid rock.} came into the large underground chamber, Joseph turned to them. ^{distant} ^{pump} ~~Joseph - Mr. Mackey -~~ ^{any} "Mr. Maki, we have not been able to get out ~~much~~ ore tonight. The air up in our sub he's being awful bad. My partner ^{So we couldn't work then, but we only feeling,} he's to feeling pretty bad, too. I think something should be done that. ^{If we can't make no money, we can't get out the ore.}" ^{that's true, men, Joseph agreed.} "What's your contract, Jalmer?" Joseph asked. ^{ladder way to be heavy.}

Joseph looked closely at the sick man. Through the patches of red hematite his face shown very pale, and his eyes were lusterless and heavy.

"I'll go up and look at it before I go up," said Joseph. "Have this man report at the dry for treatment." "Oh thank you, please, Mr. Mackey. Thank you very much, please."

Joseph lit his lamp and sloshed along the tracks of the drift, his lamp making wavering shadows of the huge timbers ^{wet} over his head, bowed and silent from the tremendous weight which they supported. ^{As} Soon the drift forked and Joseph turned to the left.

He walked in on this drift about a quarter of a mile and finally came to the raise ~~where~~ leading up to the sub where the miners had been working. He climbed up the silent, narrow dripping ladder-way of the raise about eighty feet, coming ^{at last} to a trap door. As he climbed, It had grown very warm, and the air appeared to be hanging in a thick black vapor. Jooseppi closed the trap door, and stepped carefully over the ^{gaping} iron grill of the raise, down through which the ore was dumped. Joseph sniffed the air and said aloud, "God damned powder gas. Must be something wrong with the air line." He walked into the horizontal sub, the air now becoming more dense and causing his heart to pound. Running quickly, now, he reached the end of the air line and held his lamp over the end of the pipe. The flame did not waver, but the match slowly went out. The air was dead.

Joseph's breath was coming in short gasps and his ~~head~~ temples were throbbing. He tried to run back to the ~~trap door~~, but his legs wobbled uncertainly, drunkenly, and great waves of violet light swam before his glazing eyes. As he neared the mouth of the raise he instinctively slowed up, aware of the yawning mouth of the ore grill. ~~then out he goes getting~~ ~~down~~ on his hands and knees, both from weakness and to take advantage of what air there might be, and attempted to crawl over the grill to the trap door/into the ladder-way. But even his strong body could stand the lack of air ^{any longer} -- and started to crawl across the grill his hands suddenly stiff, whirling from his bursting lungs helpless the throes of horrible nightmare, he quickly a sigh, like a restless sleeper his body disappeared down the raise, his body slapping and thudding hollowly in its ^{long} eighty-foot descent. Then everything was still and hot and dark and still ^{save} only the incessant murmur, the constant drip-dripping of the water.

A.

~~No need~~ → The little man stood in the kitchen doorway, staring ^{uncertainly} at the crowd of guests. Then he grunted, exposing his toothless gums. ^{Matching his leather cheeks, he was} ~~He was wearing an~~ ^{waffle} ancient straw hat, the thickness and hue of a well-done waffle.

"~~Perry,~~ fool,
~~Lazy~~, everyone, we are waiting!"

Stairway
hat like
a waffle (66)

Married on
New Years
Eve.

The Wedding. (Feb. 4, 1936.)

Have muniis give Josephpi "What Every Young
"Night Shift-Mumber mui." Father Should Know"

This old Finnish woman was fatter and larger than any person Josephpi had ever seen. She waddled in from the kitchen ^{guided by two of the guests,} and her eyes little slits in her great, paunchy cheeks. They maneuvered her around and finally into a large settee ^{over which} she ~~waddled~~ ^{rolled} and spread, showing her great bosom, ~~across her pulpy~~ ^{her thick legs wide apart,} like a sprawl at a country fair. She sat there breathing hard, squinting out ^{of} her little eyes, ^{folding her} huge arms across her pulpy breasts, ^{which} flowed down ~~the~~ ^{her body like great} bladders of wine. ^{sagging}

She was Kaisi Mia, the Finnish fortune-teller, in great demand at weddings and festivals. Then men carried in a tub of water from the kitchen and placed it before her, and all of the guests gathered around.

Kaisi Mia held up her fat hand for silence.

"Come, Mikko," she shrilled in high-voiced Finnish, "come, lazy ^{one,} we are ready."

Josephpi and Anne giggled nervously as her husband, Kaisi Mia's little helper, ^{appeared in the doorway of the} walked in from the kitchen carrying the ladle of ^{mutter} ~~scalding~~ lead. Jack Spratt, Anne whispered to Josephpi, squeezing his hand. ^(See A)

The little ^{old} man ^{He walked quickly with heavy steps} walked up to his wife, his cheeks weathered leather and handed her the ladle. Then he ^{attempted to} squeeze his spare shanks unto the settee with his wife, Kaisi Mia, but she ^{easilly} shuddered her great lips and he was quietly deposited on the floor.

where he sat, ^{intently}
~~wearing an ancient straw hat,~~
~~the thick gray and pale of a well-done waffle,~~
~~watching his wife, intently,~~
watching the ceremony which his wife was
about to perform.

She held the ladle over the
cold out of water, muttering unintelligibly
in Finnish. Then she suddenly ^{dropped the}
~~moulted lead~~
contents of the ladle into the hissing water,
^{empty ladle to}
handed it to her husband, and again folding
her arms over her great breasts, closed her eyes
an old Finnish air,
and hummed a tune, rocking slowly to and fro.

~~The sound of water~~
Her husband sat ^{down and purped}
~~down and purped~~
beady-eyed, ^{beady-eyed,}
unwinking, muting his toothless gums
in rapid, wet, elastic bites, pouting out his
lips, pouching out his cheeks, like a greedy
^{greedy} squirrel. "It is ready, Kaisa Mia," he said in
Finnish, "it is ready."

With surprising agility Kaisa Mia ^{bent over and}
dipped her arm ^{into} ~~to~~ the tub and brought up the
curiously ^{warped and misshapen} shaped piece of lead. From its
contour she would tell the fortune of the newly
married pair.

Kaisa Mia studied the piece of lead
intently. Then she held up her hand, speaking
slowly in Finnish: "There is much sorrow in the world, my
children — and I see ^{looks at Aune and Jussi;} sadness for you, and doubt,
misunderstanding my children, and misunderstanding.
Woe is man's lot. But I see, too, finally ^{... it is uncertain ...}
~~it~~ chance for happiness?... There is a chance — —"

"Old woman, ^{Wah!} get on with you. What
is this ~~old~~ old woman's talk of unhappy business?
On with you, fast one, it is time for the dance!"

It was Henry Hargu, ^{grinning broadly, as}
~~and~~ he and the
men heaved and tugged the woman to her feet and

SQUIRREL POUCH

towed her back ^{to} the kitchen. Then the whole wedding party left for the Kaleva Hall for the wedding dance.